



The Graduate Seminary

Phillips University

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Dr. Wilson Van Dusen
Mendocino State Hospital
Talmage, California

Dear Dr. Van Dusen:

I am deeply interested in the ^{work of the} American Association of Existential Psychology and Psychiatry, and the interesting beginning which have been made in the journal under your direction, Existential Inquiries.

Enclosed is a check for \$4.00 to cover the next two years of future issues of Existential Inquiries.

Some weeks ago, I sent Dr. Rollo May a manuscript on which I had been working on the subject of "Kierkegaard's Understanding of the Self." This was a rather rough paper, but it represents my keen interest in nurturing the dialogue between existential theology and existential psychology.

Do you plan to have a meeting of the Association in the spring? I would be much interested in receiving the reports of such a meeting, although I doubt that I could attend. With all good wishes to you and your colleagues, I am,

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Oden

Thomas C. Oden, Ph.D.
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Enclosure — a syllabus of our course in pastoral care, in case you might be interested in what we are doing here. In the second semester sequence of the course we will read "The Case of Ellen West"; as an introduction to phenomenological analysis.

✓ Van den Berg's Phenomenological Psychiatry (cc Thomas) is a good introduction. Best of all is to examine one's own living experience.

Van Dusen

